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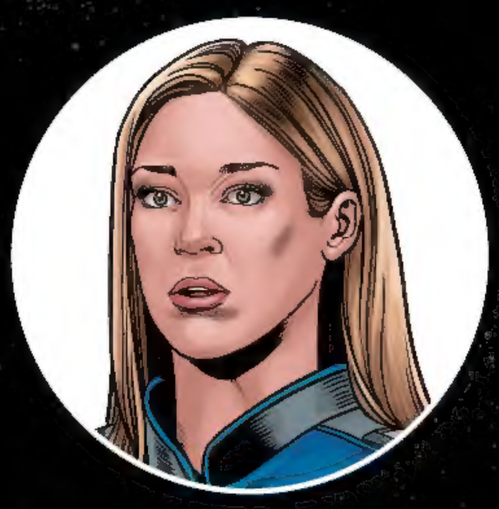
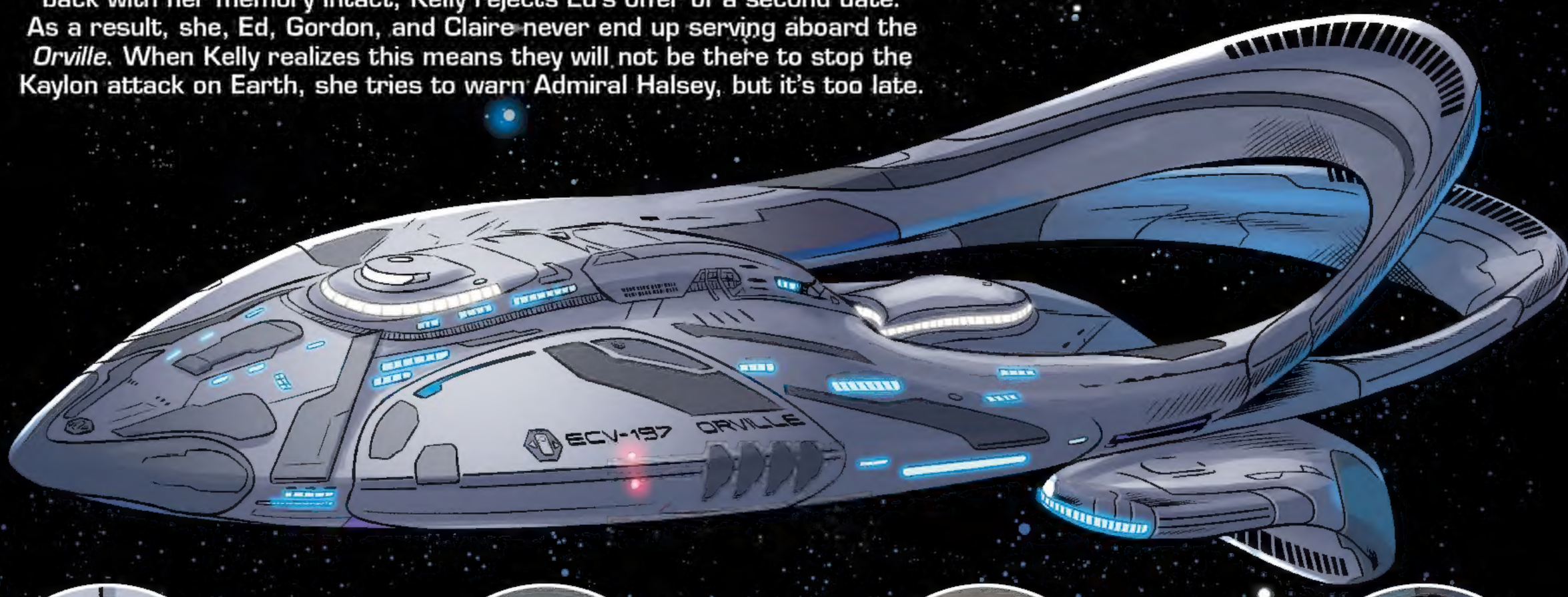


Previously, on *The Orville*: After being pulled into the future and then sent back with her memory intact, Kelly rejects Ed's offer of a second date. As a result, she, Ed, Gordon, and Claire never end up serving aboard the *Orville*. When Kelly realizes this means they will not be there to stop the Kaylon attack on Earth, she tries to warn Admiral Halsey, but it's too late.



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ADMIRAL, THE *ORVILLE* IS FLYING INTO A TRAP!

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

BECAUSE... I TRAVELED TO THE FUTURE.

EXCUSE ME?

THERE'S A DEVICE ON THE *ORVILLE*, INVENTED BY A PROFESSOR ARONOV...

WHICH IS A SECRET. HOW DO YOU KNOW--

BECAUSE THE KAYLON ISAAC WAS EXPERIMENTING WITH IT, AND ACCIDENTALLY PULLED ME SEVEN YEARS INTO THE FUTURE. THEY TOLD ME THE STORY OF HOW THE KAYLON TOOK OVER THEIR SHIP, AND LED A KAYLON FORCE TO EARTH.

TOOK OVER...?

WILL TAKE OVER. IT WAS THEIR PAST AND OUR FUTURE. AND THE ONLY REASON THE KAYLON DIDN'T SUCCEED IS BECAUSE ISAAC HAD A RELATIONSHIP WITH DR. CLAIRE FINN AND HER SONS, AND SHE'S NOT ON THE *ORVILLE* NOW...

ISAAC... HAD A RELATIONSHIP...

LOOK, SIR, I KNOW IT SOUNDS CRAZY.

YES IT DOES...

BUT YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME ON THIS. YOU HAVE TO WARN THEM.

KELLY, I WANT TO BELIEVE YOU, BUT ARONOV'S DEVICE IS NOT A TIME MACHINE, SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING HAPPENED... OR WILL HAPPEN... IS IMPOSSIBLE. NOW, CAPTAIN GRIFFITH IS AN EXPERIENCED COMMANDER. HEADING TO KAYLON, HE IS ALREADY ON HIS GUARD. I THINK TELLING HIM THIS STORY WILL ONLY HAVE ONE RESULT.

HE'LL THINK I'M CRAZY TOO.

EPSILON ERIDANI STATION.

NICE VIEW.

YEAH, A PERK OF BEING COMMANDING OFFICER.

SO YOU JUST GAVE UP ON GETTING A SHIP?

IT JUST DIDN'T LOOK LIKE IT WAS IN THE CARDS. I COULDN'T STAY ON THE *WATSON* ANY LONGER. BARRETT REALLY DIDN'T LIKE ME. AND WHEN I LOST OUT TO CHEVA FOR COMMAND OF THE *SAGAN*, I DECIDED TO CUT BAIT AND TAKE THIS.

THAT'S TOO BAD, I WAS SORT OF HOPING YOU WERE GOING TO GET A CAPTAINCY AND BRING ME ON AS A HELMSMAN.

WELL, I NEED A CHIEF OF STAFF.

YOU WANT ME TO RECOMMEND SOMEBODY?

NO, IDIOT, I WANT YOU TO BE MY CHIEF OF STAFF.

SERIOUSLY?

HEY, THANKS. WHAT'S A CHIEF OF STAFF DO?

NO IDEA. BUT PROBABLY NOT A LOT TO WORRY ABOUT. NOT LIKE ANYTHING IMPORTANT'S GOING ON.

"WE'RE ALMOST TO KAYLON..."

ECV-197 CHILLS

...AND NO CHANGE IN ISAAC. I HOPE IT WON'T BE TOO LATE FOR HIS PEOPLE TO FIX HIM.

UNLESS THEY JUST WANT TO USE HIM FOR PARTS. WHO KNOWS WHAT KAYLON DO WITH THEIR DEAD?

CAPTAIN...

...I'M RECEIVING A PRIORITY COMMUNICATION.

PUT IT THROUGH...

UM... SIR...

IT'S SECURITY CODED FOR ME AND ENGINEER LAMARR. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S ABOUT.

WELL, TAKE IT IN PRIVATE AND DECIDE WHETHER YOU NEED TO FILL US IN. WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE GODDAMN MYSTERIES AROUND HERE.

AYE, SIR.

I KNOW YOU DON'T KNOW ME, BUT I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR MISSION TO KAYLON.

COMMANDER, OUR MISSION IS CLASSIFIED, SO WHATEVER YOU THINK WE'RE DOING WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ABOUT IT.

AND SINCE NEITHER OF US KNOWS WHO YOU ARE, WHY DID YOU ASK FOR US?

BECAUSE I THOUGHT I HAD THE BEST CHANCE OF CONVINCING YOU THAT YOU'RE HEADED INTO A TRAP. JOHN AND ISAAC ARE GOING TO BRING ME INTO THE FUTURE...

...USING THE ARONOV DEVICE THAT THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON.

I KNOW THAT'S ALSO CLASSIFIED, I'M NOT LOOKING TO YOU TO CONFIRM IT. WHEN ISAAC'S EXPERIMENT BRINGS ME INTO THE FUTURE, I'LL MEET BOTH OF YOU. TALLA, YOU'LL TELL ME ABOUT THE TIME YOU BROKE YOUR CAPTAIN'S NOSE, AND JOHN, I'LL HEAR HOW YOU WERE ALMOST EXECUTED FOR HUMPING A STATUE ON SARGUS IV...

LADY, YOU'RE FULL OF SURPRISES.

EVEN IF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TRUE, WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO ABOUT IT?

I JUST NEED YOU TO HEAR ME. AFTER YOU REACH KAYLON, THEY WILL TAKE OVER THE SHIP AND USE IT TO LEAD A KAYLON FLEET TO EARTH. SO I'M JUST BEGGING YOU, EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, PRETEND FOR A MINUTE THAT YOU DO...

...AND BE PREPARED.

SHE KNEW A LOT SHE SHOULDN'T KNOW. IS THERE ANY WAY SHE COULD'VE FOUND ALL THAT STUFF OUT?

MAYBE WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT TALLA AND ME. BUT THE ARONOV DEVICE AND WHAT ISAAC'S BEEN DOING WITH IT? NO WAY.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HER?

SHE'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE *JEFFERSON.*

THAT'S AL MOSLEY'S SHIP.

HAS AN OUTSTANDING SERVICE RECORD.

WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE WITH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD LOST THEIR MIND.

YES, SIR. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

I WANT TO MAKE A CALL.

"WHAT THE FUCK DID YOU THINK YOU WERE DOING?"

LCV-329 JEFFERSON

GRIFFITH CALLS AND TELLS ME MY FIRST OFFICER KNOWS ABOUT A LOT OF CLASSIFIED INFORMATION THAT EVEN I DON'T KNOW. ADMIRALTY FINDS OUT, THEY'RE GOING TO WANT YOUR HEAD ON A PLATTER!

SIR, THERE'S A GOOD REASON...

IF THERE WAS A GOOD REASON, YOU SHOULD'VE COME TO ME FIRST!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BELIEVE ME, AND I HAD TO ACT.

YOU GOING TO TELL ME WHAT IT'S ABOUT NOW?

I... CAN'T, SIR. I REALIZE NOW I WON'T GET ANYONE TO BELIEVE ME, AND I CAN'T STAND BY AND DO NOTHING. IT'S TOO IMPORTANT...

LIVE AND LET DIE Ian Fleming

HOMICIDE David Simon

KELLY... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I'M SAYING I HAVE TO RESIGN.

YOU WHAT?

I CAN'T JUST SIT HERE WHEN I KNOW WHAT'S ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?

I'VE GOT TO TRY TO FIND THE CREW THAT SAVED US IN THE OTHER TIMELINE. THAT'S THE ONLY THING I HAVE TO GO ON.

LOOK, KELLY, IF YOU WANT TO THROW AWAY YOUR CAREER...

I GET IT. I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO GO WITH ME.

I WAS GOING TO SAY IF YOU WANT TO THROW AWAY YOUR CAREER, THAT'S YOUR DECISION. IT'S NOT REALLY MINE TO JUDGE IT. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO IT ALONE.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE COMING WITH ME?

I TOOK A VOW.

"TILL DEATH DO US PART." SO, WHERE WE HEADED?

SO, YOU'RE SAYING... BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T GO OUT WITH THIS GUY AGAIN, YOU DIDN'T END UP MARRYING HIM, YOU DIDN'T END UP CHEATING ON HIM, AND SO THEN YOU DIDN'T FEEL GUILTY ABOUT HOW YOU RUINED HIS LIFE, AND THEN GO ON TO HELP HIM GET COMMAND OF THE *ORVILLE*, AND IF HE HAD COMMAND OF IT, I WOULD'VE TAKEN THAT POSTING AND SAVED THE UNION?

ESSENTIALLY.

AND YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU NEED A GOOD THERAPIST?

LOOK, IT'S NUTS, BUT I THINK THERE MIGHT BE A WAY TO PROVE THIS. YOU PERFORMED... OR WILL PERFORM A MEMORY WIPE ON ME THAT DIDN'T WORK. WOULD THERE BE ANY TRACE OF IT?

YES...

WELL, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOMEONE TRIED TO PERFORM A MEMORY WIPE ON YOU.

IS THERE A REASON IT DIDN'T WORK?

HER BRAIN IS DEFICIENT IN A PROTEIN CALLED BETA-SECRETASE. A DOCTOR PERFORMING THE MEMORY WIPE MIGHT HAVE MISSED THAT IF THEY WEREN'T LOOKING FOR IT.

THE QUESTION IS, WOULD *YOU* HAVE MISSED IT?

EASILY.

SO, WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

WELL, WE'LL BE AT OUTPOST 73 IN A FEW DAYS. WE'LL HAVE TO GET OTHER TRANSPORTATION. I JUST HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE.

A FEW DAYS LATER.

"WE'VE GOT TO GET A MESSAGE TO UNION CENTRAL..."

...OTHERWISE, EARTH IS GONE.

WELL, FIRST THING WE GOTTA DO IS GET CONTROL OF THE SHIP BACK.

GIVEN THE NUMBER OF KAYLON ON THE SHIP, THAT SEEMS HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO SUCCEED.

WELL, UNLIKELY, BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE. RIGHT BEFORE WE REACHED KAYLON, I SET A BOOBY TRAP. IT'S AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE THAT SHOULD DISABLE THE KAYLON.

HOW DID YOU KNOW TO PREPARE THIS?

SOME CRAZY LADY TOLD US TO BE PREPARED, SO WE WERE JUST CRAZY ENOUGH TO BELIEVE HER.

WE KEPT THE PLAN TO AS FEW PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. DIDN'T WANT ISAAC TO KNOW, IN CASE WE WERE WRONG.

PROBLEM IS, EVEN IF IT WORKS, IT'S ONLY GOING TO TAKE OUT THE KAYLON ON THIS SHIP. AND NO WAY CAN WE OUTRUN THE OTHER SHIPS.

WE'LL TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP NEAR EARTH, GET A MESSAGE OUT THEN. HOPEFULLY WE CAN HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL HELP ARRIVES.

JUST US?

NO CHOICE. WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE SHIP TOO SOON, THE KAYLON WILL BE ONTO US AND WE'LL BE DESTROYED, AND WE WON'T DO ANYBODY ANY GOOD.

WE WILL PREVAIL.

OUTPOST 73.

"MOM, THIS SHIP SMELLS."

SORRY, TY, I KNOW IT'S NOT EXACTLY FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL. IT'S THE ONLY SHIP AVAILABLE ON OUTPOST 73.

IT'LL BE FINE. WHERE'S CASSIUS?

HE'S PICKING UP OUR FINAL BATCH OF SUPPLIES.

HE'S A GOOD GUY.

HE REALLY IS, TY... HE REALLY IS.

HEY, WHAT'S WITH THOSE WEIRD SHIPS?

OH NO... IT'S TOO LATE.

GET IN THE BACK AND STRAP YOURSELVES IN, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE!

WHAT ABOUT CASSIUS?

I SEE HIM, HE'S JUST COMING OUT OF THE BASE...

COME ON, CASSIUS, HURRY...

YOU CAN MAKE IT...

CASSIUS...

NO...

HANG ON, WE'RE LEAVING...

KELLY...

CASSIUS...

YOU SHOULD STRAP IN, WE'RE ABOUT TO GO TO QUANTUM.

NO.

STATUS REPORT!

ALL WEAPONS ARE OFFLINE, AND THE MAIN REACTOR'S ABOUT TO BLOW.

WHAT ABOUT STATION PERSONNEL?

EVERYBODY IS OFF THE STATION BUT US! CAN WE GO NOW?

I JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY'S SAFE...

KAYLON TROOPS HAVE ENTERED THE STATION! KAYLON TROOPS HAVE ENTERED---CZZZK

COME ON, THAT'S IT. WE GOTTA GO. YOU DID YOUR JOB.

HOPE WE CAN FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FLEET.

IF THERE'S A FLEET LEFT...

"YOU MUST GO..."

I HAVE TO STAY HERE.

WHY MUST YOU?

BECAUSE IT IS MY DUTY.

I WILL MEET YOU ON MOCLUS. TAKE CARE OF TOPA.

I WILL. AND YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

I WILL DO MY BEST.

"THERE SHE GOES..."

...I HOPE SHE MAKES IT.

I HOPE WE DO.

I KNOW, HANG ON...

"LOOKS LIKE THE BATTLE'S OVER..."

DIDN'T GET ENOUGH REINFORCEMENTS. THE QUESTION IS, WHERE DID THE KAYLON SHIPS GO? DID THEY JUST GO HOME?

NO. THEY'RE FINISHING WHAT THEY STARTED.

"AW, DAMN..."

...DAMN.

JOHN, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE.

WHERE WE GOING TO GO?

WE HAVE TO FIND COMMANDER GRAYSON. WHEN SHE CONTACTED US, IT WAS ON A PERSONAL COMMUNICATOR. I KEPT THE FREQUENCY.

WHAT GOOD IS THAT GOING TO DO?

SHE KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN. SHE SAID SHE TRAVELED IN TIME. MAYBE... MAYBE...

YEAH. OKAY.

"'MAYBE' IS ALL WE GOT LEFT..."

EPSILON ERIDANI STATION.

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HALT!

YOU HALT!

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I'M TAKING OFF WITHOUT SITTING DOWN AND CLOSING THE DOOR!

JUST MAKE SURE THE DOOR'S CLOSED BEFORE WE'RE IN SPACE!

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GOING TO QUANTUM.

I CAN'T RAISE ANYONE. LOOKS LIKE THIS SHUTTLE IS GOING TO BE HOME FOR A WHILE.

WELL, THAT SUCKS, SINCE...

THEY DESTROYED OUR FOOD SYNTHESIZER.

A FEW DAYS LATER.

"I DO NOT HAVE THE WORDS TO HONOR YOUR SERVICE..."

...YOU ALL FOUGHT BRAVELY, AND IT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR VALOR THAT I REMAIN ALIVE. I CAN ONLY PROMISE YOU THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE DIED IN VAIN. THIS, MY COMRADES, I SWEAR TO YOU.

I WILL REMEMBER YOU.

OPEN

THEY'RE LATE. IF THEY'RE EVEN COMING AT ALL.

LET'S KEEP A LITTLE OPTIMISM.

WAIT, PICKING UP A SHIP... NO, WAIT, SHIPS...

KAYLON, FOUR OF THEM. WE GOT TO GO...

NO, WE'RE GETTING A SIGNAL...

JOHN, TALLA, IT'S KELLY GRAYSON, STAND BY...

"...WE'RE GOING TO PICK YOU UP."

TRACTOR BEAM ON. WE GOT THEM...

GOING TO QUANTUM.

MOM, CAN I DO THE TRACTOR BEAM NEXT TIME?

WE'LL SEE, TY.

"LOOKS LIKE WE LOST THEM..."

...FOR NOW.

SORRY WE COULDN'T DO MORE.

YOU DID ENOUGH. YOU SURVIVED. THAT MIGHT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE KAYLON ATTACK?

THEY'VE DECIMATED EVERY UNION OUTPOST. WHAT'S LEFT OF THE FLEET IS GOING TO GROUND. WE'LL HEAD TOWARD THE CALIVON SYSTEM. THEY'RE ALMOST AS ADVANCED AS THE KAYLON, SO CHANCES ARE THE KAYLON WON'T BE ATTACKING THERE ANYTIME SOON. THAT'LL BUY US SOME TIME TO FIGURE OUT A PLAN...

...AND THEN WE HOPE FOR SOME LUCK.

CONTINUED IN "THE ROAD NOT TAKEN"...